

Care Bears™

Most Valuable Bear



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Scholastic Reader series. We have taken over 80 years of experience with teachers, parents, and children and put it into a program that is designed to match your child's interests and skills.

Level 1—Short sentences and stories made up of words kids can sound out using their phonics skills and words that are important to remember.

Level 2—Longer sentences and stories with words kids need to know and new “big” words that they will want to know.

Level 3—From sentences to paragraphs to longer stories, these books have large “chunks” of texts and are made up of a rich vocabulary.

Level 4—First chapter books with more words and fewer pictures.

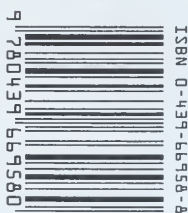
It is important that children learn to read well enough to succeed in school and beyond. Here are ideas for reading this book with your child:

- Look at the book together. Encourage your child to read the title and make a prediction about the story.
- Read the book together. Encourage your child to sound out words when appropriate. When your child struggles, you can help by providing the word.
- Encourage your child to retell the story. This is a great way to check for comprehension.

Scholastic Readers are designed to support your child's efforts to learn how to read at every age and every stage. Enjoy helping your child learn to read and love to read.

—**Francie Alexander**
Chief Education Officer
Scholastic Education

3 9 1



ISBN 0-439-66958-8



Care Bears™

Most Valuable Bear



By Justin Spelvin
Illustrated by Jay Johnson

Designed by Rick DeMonico

No part of this publication may be reproduced in whole or in part, or stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without written permission of the publisher. For information regarding permission, write to Scholastic Inc., Attention: Permissions Department, 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012.

ISBN 0-439-66958-8

CARE BEARS™ © 2004 Those Characters From Cleveland, Inc.

Used under license by Scholastic Inc. All rights reserved. Published by Scholastic Inc.
SCHOLASTIC and associated logos are trademarks and/or registered trademarks of Scholastic Inc.

12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

4 5 6 7 8/0

Printed in the U.S.A.
First printing, September 2004

SCHOLASTIC INC.

New York Toronto London Auckland Sydney
Mexico City New Delhi Hong Kong Buenos Aires

Champ Bear woke up
bright and early.



It was the perfect day
to do something special.



“Let’s play baseball!”
he said to his friends.



"That's a great idea!"
said Good Luck Bear.



“But what if I can’t play,”
worried Grumpy Bear.



"I know," said Champ Bear.
"I can teach you!"



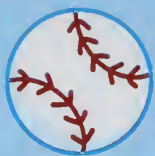
“First, you pitch the ball,”
said Champ Bear.



He threw fast and straight.
“Wow!” said Good Luck Bear.



“Next, you hit the ball,”
added Champ Bear.



He swung his bat and hit.
The ball flew far and away.
“Can I try?” asked Cheer Bear.



But Champ Bear was not done.
“Then you have to run
around the bases,” he said.



"I could do that," said Grumpy Bear.





“You also have to catch,”
said Champ Bear.
He threw a ball in the air
and then caught it.



“We’re ready to play,”
Good Luck Bear said.
“I want to swing the bat,”
Cheer Bear said.



“I bet I could catch,”
Wish Bear said.



But Champ Bear didn't hear
any of his friends.





Champ Bear was still pitching,
hitting, running, and catching.



So his friends just sat
and watched.



“Playing baseball is not
much fun,” said Grumpy Bear.





Champ Bear finally stopped.
“I sure am tired,” he said.
“Why do you look so sad?”





“You’re a great teacher,”
said Cheer Bear.
“But you were so busy
showing us how to play . . .”



“That none of us got to try,”
Grumpy Bear added.



Share Bear knew what to do.
“If we played as a team,
we could share the fun!”



“And you wouldn’t be so tired,”
added Good Luck Bear.



And that's just what they did.
For the rest of the day
they threw, hit, ran,
and caught as a team.





“Thanks for a great game!”
cheered the Care Bears.



Champ Bear is
a very good sport.
Are his friends?



Join the **SCHOLASTIC READING CIRCLE**—
children will love to read together, read with
assistance, and read alone!

1

LEVEL

Simple words and short sentences for the newest readers

2

LEVEL

Vocabulary and sentence length for beginning readers

3

LEVEL

Longer stories with paragraphs

4

LEVEL

First chapter books for advanced beginners



an imprint of

SCHOLASTIC

www.scholastic.com

\$3.99 US
\$5.50 CAN

